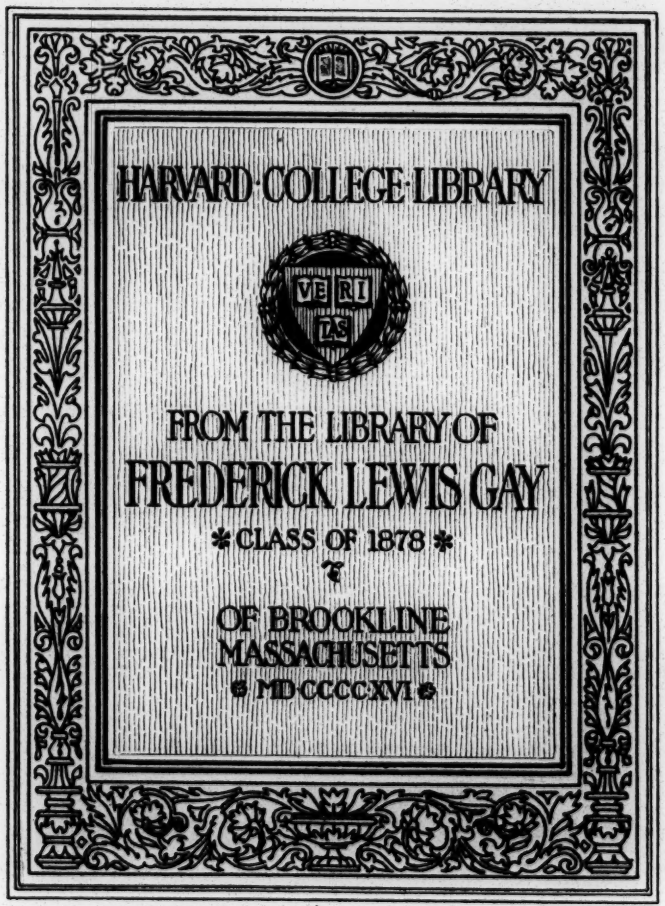
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# HIS MAIESTIES
Most Gracious
# MESSAGE
To His two Houses of
# PARLIAMENT,
In prosecution of PEACE
BY A
# Personal Treaty.

From *Caresbrook* Castle. *Decemb.*6.
1647.

*LONDON*,
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the Kings most Excellent MAJESTIE.
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# His Majeſties gracious Meſſage to both Houſes of PARLIAMENT.

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HAd His MAJESTIE thought it poſsible that His two Houſes could be employed in things of greater concernment then the Peace of this miſerable

diſtracted Kingdom; He would have expected with more patience, their leiſure in acknovvledging the receit of His Meſſage of the ſixteenth of *Nov.* laſt. But ſince there is not in nature, any conſideration preceeding to that of Peace, His MAJESTIES conſtant tenderneſſe of the vvelfare of His Subjects, hath ſuch a prevalence vvith Him, that He cannot forbear the vehement proſecution of a Perſonal Treaty: vvhich is, onely, ſo much the more deſired by His MAJESTIE, as it is ſuperior to all other means of Peace. And truly, vvhen His MAJESTIE conſiders the ſeveral complaints He daily hears from all parts of this Kingdom, That

Trade

Trade is ſo decayed, all Commodities ſo deer, and Taxes ſo inſupportable, that even natural ſubſiſtance will ſuddenly fail. His MAJESTIE (to perform the Truſt repoſed in Him) muſt uſe His uttermoſt endeavors for Peace, though He were to have no ſhare in the benefit of it. And hath not His MAJESTIE done His part for it, by deveſting Himſelf of ſo much power authority, as by His laſt Meſſage He hath promiſed to do, upon the concluding of the whole Peace. And hath He met with that acknowledgement from His two Houſes, which this His great Grace and Favor juſtly deſerves? Surely the blame of this great retarding of

Peace

Peace muſt fall ſomewhere elſe, then on His MAJESTIE.

To conclude, If ye will but conſider in how little time this neceſſary good VVork will be done, if you the two Houſes, will wait on His MAJESTIE with the ſame Reſolutions for Peace, as He will meet you: He no way doubts, but that ye vvill vvillingly agree to this His MAJESTIES earneſt deſire of a Perſonal Treaty, and ſpeedily deſire His Preſence amongſt you: VVhere all things agreed on, being digeſted into Acts (till when, it is moſt unreaſonable for His MAJESTIE or His two Houſes to deſire, each of other the leaſt conceſsion) this Kingdom

may

may at laſt enjoy the bleſsing of a long-wiſht-for Peace.

*To the Speaker of the Houſe of Peers*, pro tempore, *to be communicated to the Lords and Commons in the Parliament of* England *at Weſtminſter, and to the Commiſſioners of the Parliament of* Scotland.

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